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Harry Stebbings’ endorsement of General McRaven’s commencement speech stands out because it includes repeated personal use and a concrete lesson around small completed actions. Matt Mullenweg also points readers to Turn Every Page as a weekend documentary watch.

Today’s signal

Today’s resource picks lean toward long-form viewing: one speech Harry Stebbings says he has replayed extensively, and one documentary Matt Mullenweg flagged as a weekend watch [1, 2].

Most compelling recommendation

General McRaven’s commencement speech

- **Content type:** Speech / video [1]
- **Author/creator:** General McRaven [1]
- **Link/URL:** Not provided in the source material
- **Who recommended it:** Harry Stebbings [1]
- **Key takeaway:** Stebbings called it one of the greatest speeches on the internet, said he has listened to it “probably a thousand times,” and used it at the start of every run because its 16-minute length matched the hardest opening stretch [1]

- **Why it matters:** This is the strongest pick today because it comes with repeated personal use and a specific lesson. In the same conversation, Andrew Dudum referenced the “make your bed” idea as an example of how one tactical action can create momentum for the rest of the day, and Stebbings identified McRaven’s commencement speech as the source [1]

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How Hims & Hers Reached a \$4.3BN Market Cap on \$2.3BN of Revenue | Andrew Dudum (4:38)

Also notable

Turn Every Page

- **Content type:** Documentary [2]
- **Author/creator:** Not provided in the source material; it is described here as featuring Robert Caro and Robert Gottlieb [2]
- **Link/URL:** <https://ma.tt/2026/04/turn-every-page/> [2]
- **Who recommended it:** Matt Mullenweg [2]
- **Key takeaway:** Mullenweg named it his “weekend watch” [2]
- **Why it matters:** The recommendation is brief, but it is explicit and easy to follow because he shared a direct link alongside it [2]

Sources

1. How Hims & Hers Reached a \$4.3BN Market Cap on \$2.3BN of Revenue

- | Andrew Dudum
2. X post by @photomatt